



2017-18 FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM Competition Announcement

The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce the competition for the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for the 2017-18 academic year. The deadline for submitting application materials online and to the Embassy is **Thursday, March 31, 2016**.

Purpose and Institutional Focus: The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program facilitates the conduct of research projects at U.S. universities or research facilities.

Grant categories offered: a) research grants; b) program and curriculum development grants. In both categories, grants must begin between August 2017 and March 2018. The length of grant is determined by research requirements as indicated in the proposal.

A. Research Grants: Grants of 3 to 9 months for research in any academic discipline. Preference is given to applicants with a doctorate degree, at least three years of university teaching experience, a productive scholarly record, and whose projects relate directly to their ongoing teaching and/or research responsibilities.

B. Program and Curriculum Development Grants: Grants of 3 to 5 months for research in any academic discipline. Proposals should be linked to professional duties and should demonstrate the use of knowledge gained in the U.S. to develop new courses, curricula, or programs at the home institution. These grants are designed for less experienced scholars who have not had access to current research or instructional developments in their disciplines. University faculty who do not hold doctorate degrees are eligible for these grants, but need strong letters of reference or invitation.

Note: The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program includes a special set of grants for proposals in HIV/AIDS-related research. Proposals in all academic disciplines are eligible as long as they have an HIV/AIDS focus. Candidates may apply for either research grants or program and curriculum development grants.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicants must be citizens of Botswana or permanent residents qualified to hold a valid Botswana passport.
2. Applicants must be affiliated with a university, research institute, museum or other institution with educational and/or research objectives.
3. Proposals should not involve doctoral dissertation research, post-doctoral research immediately following completion of a doctoral degree, or general professional travel.

4. Applicants must not have received a Fulbright grant for study, teaching, or research in the U.S. within the last five years.
5. Preference to individuals who have had no or only limited previous experience in the United States.

Grant Benefits: Round-trip air travel; excess baggage allowance, accident and sickness insurance; monthly stipend; professional allowance for books, conferences and seminar; laboratory fees are not part of the standard benefits package but are paid on a limited case-by-case basis only if funding is available.

Application Requirements: Applicants should submit the following items:

1. Online applications completed at the following link
<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/scholars/30/>.
2. Printed copy of the application submitted with supporting documents marked: Fulbright Visiting Scholar Applications, Public Affairs Office, United States Embassy, P.O. Box 90, Gaborone. Packets can also be hand-delivered to the U.S. Embassy.
3. On the application, indicate the type of grant requested.
4. Provide a detailed statement describing the research proposal and methodology to be used, a detailed curriculum vita, and three letters of reference.
5. Letters of invitation or relevant correspondence with U.S. university faculty, if any, may be included in the application. Applicants unfamiliar with potential U.S. colleagues or institutions will be recommended suitable placements. Applicants are discouraged from requesting affiliation with a U.S. university where they have previously studied.

Note: The Public Affairs Section will notify ONLY successful applicants. Applications that have not submitted their applications online will not/not be considered.

Questions: Specific questions about the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program and the application process can be e-mailed to FulbrightBotswana@state.gov or answered by telephone, at 395-7326.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government. It is designed to “increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.” With this goal as a starting point, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 300,000 participants—chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential — with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to

finding solutions to shared international concerns. The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by then-Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. Currently, the Fulbright Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide.